

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

1st May 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

As the sun shone this week, so has our school! Over this week I have had the pleasure of talking to different visitors about what we do at Howard. On Tuesday the Director of Professional Learning from Anglian Learning came to visit and I thoroughly enjoyed sharing what our staff have been working on this year with him. The focus on reading and oracy for the children has been a major part of our work because we know that the skills of reading and speaking and listening are so important. Research tells us that those who develop the habit of reading in childhood are likely to achieve better qualifications and higher income jobs. So to help your child get the best start in life, reading and talking make a big difference. It is wonderful to see our children supported at our reading cafes— reading is such a special time with your child so enjoy those special moments!



I met with our Governors this week to share all the great work we are doing in school. Our governors support the school by visiting regularly and being a critical friend. They play an important supportive role. Our chair of governors, Prue Rayner, leads the group with Helen Watson, Rachael Cannon, Kathy Lambert, Chris Tooley and Connor Button (parent governor). Mrs Hall is our staff governor. Governors are interested in the life of the school and in hearing from families about their experience at school. They can always be contacted via the school office. If supporting the school as a governor is something that you are interested in, please do contact Prue Rayer or myself via the school office to find out more about it.

Just a quick reminder that school PE kit is black shorts/ jogging bottoms and white or blue t-shirt. Recently we have seen some non- school wear coming in which is distracting for the children so please ensure your child is in appropriate kit.

Mrs Weir

Monday 4th May is a bank holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Headteacher Awards



I am pleased to announced the following pupils have received a Headteacher award. Congratulations!

Aronas M

Oscar B

Jerome G

Kourtney B

Meila W

Dalers Z

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Sofia B

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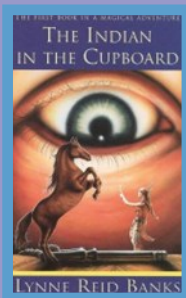
Looking for a good read?



Leon and the Place Between
Angela McAllister and
Grahame Baker-Smith



The Great Chocoplot
Chris Callaghan



The Indian in the Cupboard
Lynne Reid Banks

Dates for your diary

- 4.5.26 Bank holiday
- 11.5.26 Year 6 SATs
- 19.5.26 Hedgehog class and Fox class reading café
- 21.5.26 Otter class reading café
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term break

Stars of the Week

Mrs Weaver for all of her work behind the scenes in the school office.



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.9%. It has been lovely to see you all. The government expectation is that children are in school for at least 96% of the school year to help them learn. Do let us know if we can help in any way.

Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines apply.

SEND News from Ms Whiting

This week I would like to remind you about a Parent/Carer coffee morning that will be starting next week. As I mentioned last term, it will be a relaxed and friendly coffee morning at school on the first Wednesday of every month starting on Wednesday 6th May @ 9.00. It will be a place where no diagnosis will be needed - if you feel this space is for you, it is.

It will be a space to meet other parents/carers, share experiences if you would like to, and feel less alone in the journey.

There will be no pressure to talk — you are very welcome to just come along, have a drink, and listen. Even if you can only stay for 10 minutes, you will be welcome.

We are also exploring the idea of a small, supportive parent network, which could grow over time depending on interest.

If this sounds like something you'd value, we'd love to see you there. Hope to see you next Wednesday @ 9.00.

How to Contact Us

If you need help with advice on how to get online, resources to help your child learn at home or any other support we are here to help. Please speak to a member of staff or phone the school office on 01284 766278. Class teachers can be contacted via class emails e.g. otter@howardprimary.org for Otter class.

Howard is fabulous!



Keep up to date with news about our learning in school, events and activities as they happen, and some useful links for activities to complete at home, by following us on our social media page:



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